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## GREAT BASEBALL CONTEST TUESDAY

TEAMS OF A. & M. AND MISSISSIPPI COLLEGES TO PLAY.

## AN INTERESTING GAME IS PROMISED

Grounds Have Been Put in Good Shape and Cars Will Run to Park.

Baseball teams representing the A. and M. College at Starkville and Mississippi College at Clinton will cross bats at Lake Park Tuesday afternoon, and an exceedingly interesting game is promised. This will be the first college game played in Columbus this season, and should attract a large crowd.

The Aggies have an unusually strong aggregation this season, and in a contest with the University of Illinois team last Monday won out by a score of 3 to 1. The Illinois team is considered one of the strongest in the country, having won the Western Conference championship last year, and by defeating the aggregation, the Aggies have established the fact that they are players of no mean ability.

Mississippi College also has a strong team, and its members are determined to give the Starkville sluggers a run for their money. The team, which contains some fine material, has been carefully coached, and the Clintonians are coming to Columbus with the vowed intention of doing their best to defeat their opponents.

The Lake Park grounds have been put in good shape and trolley cars will make regular trips thereto for the accommodation of those who desire to witness the contest. The game will be called promptly at 3:30 o'clock, and the local fans should turn out in large numbers.

## Closing of Caledonia School.

After a most successful term, the Caledonia High School will come to a close this week, the commencement sermon being delivered this afternoon by D. J. R. B. Eggleston, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city.

Monday evening a debate will be held for the alumni medal, and the declamation contest will also take place, the Lawrence medal being awarded to the best speaker.

The graduation exercises will be held Tuesday night, when diplomas will be delivered to ten graduates. On Wednesday night the commencement address will be delivered by Prof. P. S. Pate, of the A. and M. College.

## Bishop Murrell to Speak.

The Right Reverend W. B. Murrell, D. D., of Memphis, a member of the college of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be in Columbus today, and will conduct both the morning and evening services at the First Methodist church.

Bishop Murrell is one of the south's most distinguished prelates, and a visit from him always calls forth anticipatory pleasure, as a part of his boyhood was spent in this county, and its citizens are proud of the fame which he has attained in the ministerial field.

Messrs. Holmes Sanders and Wallace Kirksey, of Aliceville, Ala., spent Thursday afternoon in the city.

## WILL HEAR COMPLAINTS FROM DISQUALIFIED VOTERS FRIDAY

The local municipal election commissioners, Messrs. G. M. Flynn, J. H. Brickell and J. S. Marx, will meet at the city hall at 10 o'clock next Friday morning for the purpose of hearing complaints from citizens whose names were stricken from the poll books during the recent purge, and all who have complaints to make are requested to be present at that hour.

The commissioners have recently completed a thorough examination of the city poll books and have erased therefrom the names of 173 citizens who through failure to pay taxes or for other legal reasons have become disqualified, and as it is possible that some of those whose

## LARGE CROWDS ATTEND THE SPRING OPENING AT BEARD'S

MANY ATTRACTIVE GARMENTS DISPLAYED AND MUSIC IS FEATURE OF OCCASION.

The annual spring opening of W. C. Beard, Inc., occurred last Thursday evening, and was witnessed by a large number of delighted patrons, unpropitious weather having proved impotent as a force to keep at home hundreds of people who were consumed with a burning desire to see the many beautiful things which were on display at this popular establishment.

Pink and green was the color scheme selected and these two colors prevailed in the decorations, an attractive feature of which were pink-shaded electric globes, which shed a soft, subdued light on the merchandise displayed, adding materially to its beauty, and indeed, to the beauty of the entire establishment. Wearing apparel of various descriptions was displayed on the first floor, while the floor above was given up largely to the display of ladies' suits, shirt waists and pattern hats. The windows were tastefully decorated, one having shown figures displaying dresses, one of cream net and the other of black net, with hats to match. A rose-trimmed trellis served as an effective background for these figures. Another window contained an unusually attractive display of shoes.

A distinct feature of the evening was a fine musical program, which was effectively rendered by the Mobile orchestra.

Mr. M. F. Flood, who is in charge of Beard's dress goods department, had charge of the decorations, and received numerous compliments on the splendid effect which he succeeded in producing.

## SOCIAL ORGANIZATION IS TO HAVE UP-TO-DATE QUARTERS

## CHOCTAWS ARRANGING TO ENLARGE AND IMPROVE CLUB ROOMS.

Feeling the necessity for larger and better equipped quarters, the members of the Choctaw Club, a local social organization, have decided to make extensive improvements in their place on South Market street, and have rented the second floor of the building adjoining their club room.

Mr. Carroll Hackleman, president of the Choctaws, who has done much towards the upbuilding of this club, has received plans drawn by Architect P. J. Krouse, of Meridian, for the improved quarters, and a contract for the work will probably be given at a meeting of the members to be held the first of this week.

The present stairway entrances to the two buildings will be thrown into one, and a parlor will be placed across the front of the club rooms. The present dance hall will be made thirty-five feet longer, and in the rear of the building will be placed a banquet hall and gymnasium. There will also be a neatly equipped ladies' dressing room, a locker for the convenience of members, shower and tub bath rooms, and other things that go to make up fine club quarters.

The Choctaws expect to open the doors of their club rooms on certain days each week to the ladies, provided they are related to members of the club and under certain other conditions.

## CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN BEGINS TOMORROW

CITY WILL UNDERGO TITIVATION UNDER DIRECTION OF LADIES.

## TO MAKE COLUMBUS A "SPOTLESS TOWN"

The Laudable Work Should Receive Hearty Co-operation of Every Loyal Citizen.

Get your trash ready, for the wagons are coming.

On tomorrow the members of the Ladies Civic League will inaugurate their annual clean-up campaign, which will extend throughout the week, and they want all citizens, especially householders, to co-operate with them by having their trash and other refuse matter collected and ready for the wagons when they arrive for the purpose of taking it to the municipal crematorium for incineration. Mayor Gunter has given the ladies permission to use as many of the city wagons and carts as can be spared and a number of local merchants have also placed teams at their disposal. These teams will be sent through every portion of the city and will remove all trash found awaiting them on their different routes.

The ladies have decided to enter Columbus in the clean-city contest now being conducted under the auspices of the Mississippi State Board of Health, and hope to have that body place its stamp of approval on the city by at least giving it an "honorable mention." In order to accomplish effective work, however, they must have the hearty co-operation and support of the citizens, especially among those who own homes and those who are in business. Of course the ladies can not personally see that every home, every store, every shop, every hotel, and every factory in Columbus is made spic-and-span, and the duty of placing these different establishments in proper condition naturally devolves upon the owners. If the individuals will show the proper spirit and will make a conscientious effort to clean the places which they control many of the nuisances mentioned by Sanitary Inspector Walley in his recent address here will be abated, and Columbus can be a veritable "spotless town."

The rules governing the clean-city contest now being conducted by the Mississippi Board of Health are published below, and Columbians should read these rules carefully in order that they may see what is expected of them:

**GENERAL SANITATION.**  
Closed closets in a town will count 20 per cent; in this way your grade will be made on score cards and the per centage of open closets taken from your grade.

Five per cent will be allowed for streets in town in the following condition: Sidewalks in business sections paved with either brick, wood or concrete, of town of less than 2500 inhabitants, sidewalks in business section and in part of resident section must be paved. Streets in either must be clean of rubbish, trash of any description, also of standing water in streets or alleys.

Five per cent will be allowed in towns of more than 2500 inhabitants with sewerage in part and sanitary closets. Five per cent will be allowed in towns which have no sewerage, provided all closets are sanitary.

Five per cent will be allowed for water where from deep well, spring or river, if chemically pure.

Five per cent will be allowed on buildings if all are in good repair, clean, painted, both private and public buildings are included.

Five per cent will be allowed if all vacant lots are clear of waste material, boxes, logs, trash, standing water, etc.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS.**  
Five per cent will be allowed hotels when equipped with elevator service, steam heated and painted, when these conveniences are to be had. Barber shops to meet the requirements of the State Board of Health.

Five per cent will be allowed for jails, both city and county, also convict campus, to be included, in arriving at proper grades, where same meet the requirements of the board.

## SPRING OPENING AT LOEB'S STORE A GREAT SUCCESS

LARGE CROWD SEES BRILLIANT DISPLAY OF APPAREL FOR BOTH SEXES.

Although dark clouds studied the sky Thursday evening, giving warning of the cold, disagreeable rain which followed, the unpropitious weather did not serve to mar the brilliancy of the annual spring opening at the department store of Simon Loeb & Brother, Inc., nor did it serve to keep the people away, the store having been crowded throughout the evening with both men and women who make it a rule to dress well and who delight in seeing stylish wearing apparel attractively displayed.

The store was a scene of magnificent splendor from end to end and from ground to roof, both floors having been attractively decorated and many stylish articles of various kinds having been displayed thereon. The first floor contained many beautiful things, evening clothes, trimmings and taffetas having featured the display, while on the second floor millinery and clothes for evening wear were given prominence. White and green formed the color motif, and spheres combining these two colors were used in profusion as a decorative feature.

The window decorations called forth much admiration, one having shown a night scene in France, in which a brilliant moon shone down upon a tiny town who gazed with longing eyes upon the many beautiful articles of wearing apparel which surrounded her, while another was devoted to haberdashery and contained many articles which appealed forcefully to the masculine eye.

The decorations were conceived and executed by Mr. G. E. Moss, who is in charge of work of this character at the big store, and reflected much credit upon his taste and ability.

During the evening sweet music was discoursed by a well trained orchestra.

Thirty applicants stood the teachers examination which was held at the Franklin Academy Friday and Saturday, conducted by Superintendent of Education Stanley, who was assisted by Prof. B. G. Hull and Prof. O. M. Lawrence.

**Two Big Shows at Princess Monday And Tuesday**—Francis X. Bushman in "Slim Princess" Monday; Hazel Dawn in "Saleslady" Tuesday.

The attraction at the Princess for Monday, April 10, is Francis X. Bushman and Ruth Stonehouse in George Ade's romantic comedy-drama, "The Slim Princess." A delightfully pleasing photo-play that will make you forget there is such a thing as worry.

The "Paramount" attraction for Tuesday, 11th, is the captivating star of the stage and screen, Hazel Dawn, in a bewitching romantic drama, "The Saleslady," an elaborate production of the famous story by Willard Mack.

The admission for both Monday and Tuesday is 5c and 10c.

are being enforced.

Five per cent will be allowed on all soda fountains and restaurants where the regulations of the board are being enforced.

**FOOD SUPPLY.**  
Five per cent will be allowed on each of the following, where regulations of the board of health are being complied with: grocery stores, markets, dairies, fruit stands and bakeries.

**SCHOOLS.**  
Five per cent will be allowed on lighting in school houses where 100 per cent of light can be had in room, being careful to consider the number of seats in rooms and number of windows.

Five per cent will be allowed for ventilation, being careful to note the size of openings, location, and as to whether or not a draft can be procured, and if the pupils can at all times receive plenty of fresh air.

Five per cent will be allowed on water supply in schools, if furnished at least two places in school building from deep well or chemically pure spring water from a sanitary fountain.

Five per cent will be allowed for toilets at schools, where same are clean and sanitary, and one furnished for each sex. Note carefully that the floors are clean, and not wet from leaky connections, and are kept clean.

## LAWMAKERS BID JACKSON FAREWELL

BIENNIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE CLOSED YESTERDAY.

## CHAOS FEATURED DELIBERATIONS

Members Were Kept in Constant Turmoil, and Unfinished Business Crowded End.

After a chaotic session, the Mississippi Legislature adjourned yesterday, and today will find members who have not left Jackson previous to the formal close, en route to their homes in the different sections of the state. During the session the members were kept in a constant turmoil by conflicts both among themselves and with Governor Bilbo, and action on matter important matters were postponed until just after adjournment.

The speculation which has been rife as to who would compose the first official board of tax equalizers in Mississippi, following the passage and approval of the Kyle bill, was set at rest when the governor on Friday sent to the Senate the names of the three men, along with other executive nominations.

The Senate confirmed the nominations as follows: O. A. Luckett, of Attala county, for the First district; H. K. Rouz, of Pearl River county, for the Second district, and Dunstan I. Thompson, of Calhoun county, for the Third district.

Other nominations confirmed were as follows:

Beauvoir Home Trustees—mha Beauvoir Soldiers' Home Trustees—J. Hiram McGee, Little Springs; Hon. N. M. Collins, Meridian; H. C. Carter, Jackson; Judge W. H. Cook, Hattiesburg; J. M. Vardaman, Jackson; U. S. Roberts, Carthage. All for a term of four years from Feb. 27, 1916.

Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Institute—Frank Roberson, of Pontotoc; H. C. Roberts, Jackson; A. M. Campbell, Canton; G. I. Redditt, of McCarley; W. H. Bagwell, of Jackson. All for a term of four years from March 9, 1916.

Mississippi Industrial and Training School Trustees—Rev. J. B. Lawrence, of Jackson; Prof. W. Jacobs, of Poplarville. The above for a term of two years from the 28th day of March, 1916.

Senator L. C. Franklin, of Clarksdale; Rev. J. L. Lott, R. F. 3, of Grenada; A. B. Schaubert, of Laurel. The above for a term of four years from the 28th day of March, 1916.

State Charity Hospital, at Jackson—J. R. East, of Brandon, to succeed Dr. L. C. Johnson; Dr. J. M. Griffin, of Blodgett, to succeed J. J. Coman, both for a term of four years from April 16, 1916.

Members of the Oyster Commission—W. A. McInald, of Pav St. Louis for a term of four years from Aug. 30, 1916, to succeed Frank J. Ladner.

State Charity Hospital at Natchez—R. T. Clark, Natchez; W. D. Deterly, Natchez; Hon. William Darden, Fayette; F. F. Parsons, Lucien; W. T. Tucker, Woodville, all for a term of four years from Feb. 25, 1916.

Patriotic women of Mississippi sent a signed resolution to the lower House Thursday thanking the lawmakers for saving the old capitol, which was read and ordered spread on the Journal, as follows:

"Whereas, the Legislature has passed an act providing for the preservation and restoration of the old capitol, and

"Whereas, the work for its preservation by the patriotic societies of the state has extended over a period of nearly fourteen years, the preservation resulting from the sentiment which has been created over the state by the numbers of women's organizations and clubs, be it therefore

"Resolved, That the committee in consideration of the generous assistance extended by the members of the Mississippi Legislature, the governor, lieutenant-governor, speaker of the House, and all state officials in our successful effort to preserve to our fair commonwealth the one great historic building within its borders, that it might stand for all time as a memorial and reminder of our heroic past, and as an incentive to the youth of Mississippi to those efforts that make for Christian manhood and ideal citizenship, take this means of expressing the heartfelt appreciation of the women of Mississippi."

## JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS SCOUTS BLACK BUGABOO

SAYS ARMY NOT IN DANGER OF INCURSION BY NEGROES.

Washington, April 8.—John Sharp Williams in the Senate debate on preparedness as proposed in the Chamberlain bill from the Senate military affairs committee, has more signally than even demonstrated his versatility, staunchness as an American patriot and statesman. Next to the chairman of the committee, whose duty it has been to lead the majority to a right conclusion, Mr. Chamberlain, of Oregon, himself a native-born Mississippian, who has discharged the responsibilities imposed on him with exceptional ability, Senator has been in the closing hours of the consideration of the bill an illuminating and most edifying factor. He has delighted the audiences that has assembled and has more than pleased his colleagues who were struggling to get a result out of the maze of contrivance of opinion for which the pacifists and demagogues of Congress have been responsible.

One of the most interesting of the things brought out by him in the debate was his treatment of the black bugaboo conjured by some opponents of the Plattsburgh camp idea in the Chamberlain bill, whereby it was conceived that political change might put somebody in the White House who, not caring anything about racial differences, might organize, as provided in the bill for the president to exercise his discretion, a regiment of negro troops. In other words, a president in the discretion accorded him might make regiments of any aggregation of such volunteers who happened to be Afro-Americans, if he saw fit.

## TERCENTENARY OF AVON'S BARD TO BE CELEBRATED

## FINE PROGRAM FOR SHAKESPEARIAN ANNIVERSARY AT COLLEGE THIS WEEK.

The Tercentenary Shakespeare celebration which is being arranged for this week at the college by the Southern Women's College Club, has a number of events which will be of interest to town people as well as the students.

The following is the program:  
Monday, 10 a. m.—Old English Songs, Miss Crawford's Chorus Class; Scenes from the "Merchant of Venice," by pupils of Miss Savage.

Monday, 4 p. m.—Lecture, Mr. Frederick D. Losey.

Monday, 8 p. m.—Dramatic Reading, Mr. Losey.

Tuesday, 10 a. m.—Lecture, Mr. Losey.

Wednesday, 10 a. m.—Reading from the Historical Plays, Mr. Painter.

Thursday, 10 a. m.—Scenes from "As You Like It," Miss Savage.

Friday, 10 a. m.—Shakespearean Reading, Elsie Heardon Kern.

Friday, 3 p. m.—"The Comedy of Errors," Ben Greet Players.

Friday, 8 p. m.—"Romeo and Juliet," Ben Greet Players.

Saturday, 7 p. m.—Elizabethan Revels.

All the exercises are open to the public except the Saturday evening play hour, which will be limited to the college people.

Miss Sarah F. Adams left Saturday for Nashville, where she goes to accept a position as secretary for one of the largest manufacturing houses in that city.

## CARTER QUILTS THE CIVIC CHAMBER

SECRETARY OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TENDERS RESIGNATION.

## GETS JOB WITH MASON'S ANNUING

Successor Will Be Secured at Once, and Work Will Not Be Allowed to Lag.

Mr. W. H. Carter, who for the past eighteen months has served as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has resigned, his resignation having been tendered at a meeting of the board of directors held last Thursday night, and having been accepted by that body.

The resignation of Mr. Carter becomes effective thirty days from the date of its acceptance, and in the meantime the directors will put forth every possible effort to secure a competent man to succeed him. The chamber is established on a firm financial basis, sufficient money to provide for all necessary expenses for several years to come having already been subscribed, and it is not the intention of the directors to allow the work to lag.

Mr. Carter has accepted a position with the Mason's Annuity, which is an insurance branch of Masonry, and will devote his entire time to the work. It is understood that the position is a lucrative one and that he will have several men under him. While his new duties will require him to do a great deal of traveling he will maintain headquarters in Columbus, and will not relinquish his residence here.

## Woodward General Agent.

That Mr. Jesse P. Woodward, of this city, is a "live-wire" in the insurance business is accredited to the fact that he has been appointed general agent for the entire North-east Mississippi for both the Phoenix-Mutual Life Insurance Company and Maryland Casualty Company. During the past several years Mr. Woodward has done an excellent insurance business, and now has one of the best equipped offices in the state.

Mr. Julian Hopkins, who has been in Mr. Woodward's office for a long time past will continue to manage the business in this city, and Messrs. O. W. Holmes, of Hattiesburg, and C. M. Davis, of Greenville, have been named as special agents.

## Enlarging Garage.

Mr. W. A. Brackett, who is in charge of the Brackett Garage, on College street, has rented the big store room next to his present quarters, formerly occupied by the Wright's Auto Sales Company, and will use it as a storage and display room. Mr. Brackett expects to have one of the best equipped garages in the south.

## Two Negroes Arrested.

Herman Cooper, a negro wanted at Kennedy, Ala., on a charge of assault, and Morris Cooper, another negro wanted there for assault and battery with intent to kill were arrested here the past week by Chief of Police John Morton and Officer Cook. They were taken back to Alabama for trial.

Mrs. J. W. Jones' numerous friends regret to learn that she is suffering from appendicitis at her home on South Fourth street.

## UNKNOWN THIEF STEALS \$125 FROM L. B. DIVELBISS' STORE

An unidentified thief last Wednesday night entered the book store of Mr. L. B. Divelbiss at No. 415 Main street, and stole therefrom cash to the amount of about \$125. Mr. Divelbiss is not definitely certain as to the sum taken, but thinks it was within the above mentioned figures.

It is believed that the thief gained entrance to the store by going up the outside stairway and forcing a door leading to an apartment on the second floor which is used as a storeroom, as this door was found open Thursday morning and a number of envelopes and wrappers that had contained small coins were found scattered around the floor

of the storeroom. Part of the money taken was in the cash register and part in the safe, which was opened by the thief without resorting to violence. The combination was only half on and entrance to the safe was gained by turning the knob until the tumbler fell.

Local police are investigating the robbery, but up to last night had secured no clue as to the identity of the thief. They believe, however, that the crime was committed by a man thoroughly familiar not only with the arrangement of the store but with Mr. Divelbiss' methods of conducting his business.